2015 OCM Flying Rules and Protocols

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Section 1 (General):

A. Wiskow Field is open for flying fuel-burning aircraft from 9:00 AM until sunset. Electric aircraft may start at 8:00 AM.

B. All members must display their OCM ID on their person when entering the pit or flight line areas.

C. ONLY Ocean County Modelers CLUB MEMBERS and their ESCORTED GUESTS are permitted to fly at this field. The general public may enter to observe provided that they remain outside of the pit area and leave before members lock up.

D. Guest pilots must be a FULL MEMBER of the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) to fly at this field ~Park Flyer Membership is NOT acceptable. Guests are permitted to fly on a one-time basis, provided an OCM member is present at the field. After this, they would have to join the club if they want to continue to use the facility.

E. Club members may bring one non-AMA member guest into the pit area or up to the flight line, provided the guest is fully and constantly supervised by the member. A club member may not have more than one non-AMA member guest in these areas at a time. Should any other member present express safety concerns regarding the guests actions, then the supervising club member will remove the guest from these areas immediately.

F. The last OCM member leaving the field must insure that the gate is locked upon exiting the premises. This property is off-limits to outsiders due to the nature of the facility.

G. The combination to the OCM lock for the gate entrance will only be released to OCM members.

H. NO motor vehicles (cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc.) are permitted beyond the safety/spectator fence. NO EXCEPTIONS.

I. NO trespassing into restricted areas.

J. NO unrestrained pets are allowed at the flying site.

K. NO SMOKING IN THE PITS or aircraft assembly area.

L. NO CELL PHONES on or off allowed in the pit are of flying area. Keep your cell phones in your vehicles.

M. NO DUMPING – ALL TRASH must be taken with you, as there is no trash pick-up at the field.

N. NO flying will be permitted while field work is in progress. This includes all work details and normal lawn maintenance.

O. All AMA Safety Rules apply at this facility at ALL TIMES. Any individual who flies at Wiskow Field must be familiar with and abide by the official AMA Safety Code.
Section 2 (Pre-Flight):

A. Any pilot using a non-2.4 GHz radio system must first obtain the appropriate frequency pin from the board. When you take a specific frequency pin from the board your AMA card must be left in its place.

B. Respect, courtesy, communication, cooperation, and a little common sense is required to safely time-share use of the same frequency pin.

C. Anyone who turns on a transmitter without the appropriate frequency pin, when another person is already flying on the same frequency, and causes the flyer to crash is liable for all damages and injuries resulting from that crash.

D. Beginner pilots may not fly without the assistance of a recognized and qualified member of the club.

E. Fueling and de-fueling should be done on one of the pads or flight tables and a fuel-re-capturing system should be used.

F. The propeller shall face the runway during all engine runs.

G. Engine break-ins and extended engine runs should NOT be performed on the flight line. Stands are provided across the parking lot for this purpose.

H. OCM enforces a sound level restriction of 98 Db measured, while the aircraft is on grass, at 9 feet downwind from the propeller with the engine(s) running at full throttle.

I. Taxiing is permitted on the landing/takeoff area only. NO TAXIING in the pit area!

J. All FPV flights must be on a buddy box with the non-FPV pilot in control. Flights will take off and land from the appropriate location, fixed wing from the runway and all rotary, including quad-copters, from the helicopter pad. Aircraft must remain within those designated flight patterns and under no circumstances may they leave the property boundary or fly over the flight line, pit, or parking areas. All AMA rules and restrictions apply, including limiting altitude to 400 feet above the ground.

Section 3 (Fixed Wing Flight):

A. The maximum number of fixed-wing airplanes that can fly at the same time is five (5).

B. Direction of takeoff and landing will be determined by the prevailing winds and/or other conditions that may dictate safe flying. The first turn after takeoff must be in a direction away from the flight line.

C. When multiple model aircraft is in the air, a racetrack flight pattern must be established and followed by all. In such a situation no turnarounds (e.g. split S) are permitted over the runway.

D. DO NOT fly closer than 25 feet from the edge of the flight line. The flight line extends to infinity on both ends and should never be crossed.

E. Pilots are allowed to make 270 degree procedure turns on the right side of the field across the infinite flight line, provided that the turns are made beyond a marker stake which will be placed 150 – 200 feet past the last station on the imaginary flight line.

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Section 4 (Helicopter Flight):

A. Separate air space is designated for R/C helicopter operations as a means to maximize safe helicopter flying.

B. Flying a maximum of five (5) helicopters simultaneously is permitted within the helicopter-designated area.

C. Takeoffs and landings should be initiated on the helicopter landing pads positioned approximately 20 to 25 feet in front of the helicopter pilot stations.

D. Helicopter pilots must make every effort to fly their helicopters within the helicopter-designated boundaries. NO-FLY ZONES for helicopters include:

1. The parking lot and spectator areas
2. The airplane runway
3. The main airplane flight-line/pit area
4. Beyond or over any tree-line

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